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IN 1972-WHAT?

Our neighbouring giant south of our border has troubles, and big troubles. One such is the demoralization of its military machine. We will dodge the merits of this situation and concentrate on an illustration, the sickness of fragging, alarmingly prevalent in the U.S. armed forces in Vietnam.

Fragging is described by an article in the current Saturday Review as a macabre ritual in which U.S. enlisted men attempt often with success, to murder officers and NCO's. The name comes from the nickname for hand grenades, the popular weapon for this purpose because the evidence is destroyed.

Ross was described as a genial passive man easily impressed by his peers, is now serving time for attempted murder in a military stockade. He was involved in last winter's Laos operation, well after "grunts" (foot soldiers) began to seriously worry about being the last man to die in Vietnam. Ross came to Vietnam expecting adventure; he encountered mines and boobytraps, little drama, something would explode, men would be legless or dead, and nobody to retaliate against. The Co of Ross' unit was a hard driver—no time for hot meals, he would cancel resupply missions, there was constant exposure to weather, rain, mud, tension was mounting. After four months of this the unit was scheduled for a break, when the CO once again volunteered his men for yet another mission. There was discontent and agitation which "boiled down" to doing a job on

the captain." Ross was unbelievably sloppy. He stole and planted the mines under what he thought was the captain's armored-truck. He blew up an empty vehicle, injured four enlisted men sleeping nearby and the toll-tale unspooled detonating wire lead like an accusing finger to his sleeping place.

During his trial one thing irked Ross: the prosecutor when summing up had made him "sound like a criminal."

Fragging has "ballooned into intra-Army guerrilla warfare and in parts of Vietnam it stirs more fear among officers and NCO's than the war with Charlie." Prediction is impossible; victims who survive often have no idea who their attackers were and live in fear of the next time. Fraggings result in a demoralized army, a world of heroin, racial tension, mutiny and fear, homefront problems amplified by the unique conditions of Vietnam: a war nobody wants and can justify and easy availability of heroin.

Comparisons are interesting. In World War I involving nearly 5 million American military, fewer than 370 cases of violence directed at "superiors" are on record. The ratio was little changed by World War II and Korea. Since January 1970 alone, a period involving less than 3/4 million U.S. servicemen in Vietnam there have been 363 cases involving assault with explosive devices and 118 possible cases. Forty-five men have died and this does not include fragging by other weapons such as the rifle and knife. The numbers of "heat of

The Queen Elizabeth crowded with homeward bound US servicemen after World War II. The plan was "one man to sleep in the daytime so that another could have his bunk during the nightI never afterward heard of a single complaint" EISENHOWER.

battle" situations is not known and official estimates suggest only 10% end up duly recorded by court action.

In previous wars typical fraggings were field of battle situations usually motivated by a cold reckoning by the men that their leader was a danger to them, this can at least be understood in a life and death assessment.

Not so Vietnam where fragging is not localized but can occur anywhere, anytime, on battle missions or rear echelon duty. The army is stagnant with futility and senselessness, no front to advance upon, no cause to fight for that can be convincingly argued. Many GI's already know and feel this before they arrive in the country.

The new officer is particularly vulnerable. Trained along with other officers he has little contact with enlisted men until he is given an actual command. Informed by rumour of drug use, racial tension and fragging, by the time he sees the sullen unmilitary faces of the men in his unit he may already be intimidated. He must walk a tightrope between the ominous frustrations of his men and the demands of his superiors. He is expected to make sense of a war when his leaders, both civilian and military, have already failed. Chances are he will fail too and then he is left with surviving his tour without being court-martialed or fragged.

An army judge feels that behind fragging, drugs and the overall breakdown besetting the U. S. Army in Vietnam, is its role in allowing itself to be used for political purposes, thus it prostituted its honor as an instrument of freedom. The ideals that foster duty and valour cease to exist.

This legacy makes itself felt in the United States as the Army returns home. Police blotters show the names of vets as soldier/addicts resort to crime to obtain the vastly less expensive American heroin. Others return shackled to complete sentences for fraggings and other crimes. Others, though unaddicted and honorably discharged, are deeply embittered against the country that sent them on such a futile mission in the first place.

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Sheridan Suds

Sheridan College student recreational facilities will blossom forth in March with a dome-shaped structure housing a dance area, washrooms, senate offices and last, but not least, a pub! This plan has been worked out with the assistance of the administrator who, with the approval of their Board of Governors, will pay \$6,000. for the required site facilities. Students will finance the remainder of the facilities.

A long term commitment will be drawn up for approval by the student senates ensuring financial stability and sensible operating guidelines" so the Sheridan Sun reports. These precautions will also come under the scrutiny of Sheridan's controller of finance and president.

Student Placement

Mike Briscoe will be visiting all departments and campuses in the next while to look at placement procedures.

It is necessary to form a clear picture of the wide variety of procedures being used by the departments to assist our graduates in obtaining employment in the fields for which they have been trained. It would appear that we have at present a range of placement methods, some of which are effective, some of which are less so.

Any assistance you can give Mike in his survey will be appreciated.

J.G. Turner,
Director Student Services

BITS & PIECES

We will look forward to the Playboy Centrefold in the near future. Germaine Greer of Female Eunich fame is to grace it in the nude, and our curiosity is aroused to see if she will carry out her threat as to the pose she will adopt.

The Borough of York has done a tremendous amount of work from the tax revenue inspired policy of favouring high rise apartment dwellings. In response to people-interests, a massive 85% cut back in apartment units is revealed in a new official plan for the borough. The plan provides rezoning for only 3350 new apartment units in the next five years with sites for 15,570 units diverted to different uses.

President of the Dentists Society of Ontario, Benjamin Sweet's dental laboratory in Scarborough was the victim of a raid by private investigators aided by Metro Police. A spokesman for the society predicts this is the first in a new series of raids and the society, in its fight with the Royal College of Dental Surgeons has retaliated with full page newspaper ads stating the dental technicians case for freedom to serve the public with dentures independently of the services of dentists.

WEDNESDAY NOON AT TERAULAY



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A Friend In Court

Sometimes we find the most liberal ideas in the most conservative sources. But then perhaps the best liberal ideas are truths, as old as time itself and, also, well established, conservative sources can safely make such utterances from their vantage points.

One such conservative source is the Royal Bank of Canada Monthly Letter. Last November it took a strong liberal view when speaking of the Ombudsman, the party "to whom any citizen may take complaints about the actions of the government service."

The monthly letter comments upon the increasing need in recent years for the creation of such a role with the widening and enlarging of the powers conferred upon an ever-increasing army of government officials. The central purpose of the Ombudsman would always be to protect the individual and to balance the scales so that justice is served and justice, so defined by St. Thomas Aquinas, "is a constant and perpetual will to yield to each one his right."

Many persons' we read on "who have grievances would find it difficult to go through procedures required under the regulations. They may not know where to start; they may not be able to pay the legal expenses; or their emergency may be of such a nature as to demand quick action. Then too, a request for review addressed to a government department may be referred to the officer originally involved, and that is not of the nature of a real appeal.



Columbia Pictures

THE LAST PICTURE SHOW

A sensitively realistic portrayal of small town ugliness in probably the Texas pan handle. The time about 1950 and it is the Korean War. Youth indulges only in love and booze, it is too early for the rock scene in Abarene, Texas.

We predict young people will appreciate the brutal but sensitive treatment of their own generation at an earlier period in time and its clandestine, sexual relations with the older generation. The institutions formal education and marriage are given a difficult time, the church is ignored. Growing up in this rude, uncultured town is hard on the psyche; the movie provides stern object lessons.

For the older generation viewing this film in the '70's, they may recall an interesting parallel in Sinclair Lewis' Main Street dated 1920 in which he exposes the hypocrisy and smugness of the older generation in a small mid-western town named Gopher Prairie. Lewis spoke of the "contentment of the quiet dead." If this

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by: Lloyd C. Bowen

OUT TO LUNCH

JUST TALKING tim dineen



refers to the development of the older generation then growing up in Abarene in 1950 might show how it happened.

The young generation r roles star Timothy Bottoms, who reacts and feels most convincingly, Jeff Bridges and Cybill Shepherd. The whole cast give credibility to an amazing variety of human experiences, many grotesque, bizarre, some bordering on the incredible. Cinematography in creating an aimless, mediocre, shabby small town environment is excellent. The big city dweller may miss the authenticity of some of this.

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However Saturday Review's Eugene Linden states: "for all the poignant confusion that assails the GI, I was struck with his honesty, his lack of cynicism, and, although it may sound strange, his bravery. The GI may be demoralized, but he is no coward, and, though he may be unwilling to die, the last GI to die in Vietnam, he will still risk his life for a friend."

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Recently, I've given some thought to classifying the people who stop, in their daily routine, to watch me work. I don't mean to ridicule them by this classification—far from it, I merely wish to set up categories so that my fellow workers can talk about them easier.

It's easy to talk about classifying subjects, but the difficulty comes when you try it. Birds are classified by their song or colour. Men are classified by the job they are assigned to. Now, how does one go about choosing a classification for on-lookers?

Let my imagination roam for a few seconds and I'll see if I can show how much fun this cataloguing can be: 1) The AMATEUR—usually seen near a job standing silently by... just watching. 2) The Technical Advisor: This one loses his amateur standing by telling us how to do the job. He can be heard singing his usual song, "Say, wouldn't it be easier if..."

3) The Painted Wing Assurance: This is an amateur who, while he silently watches the painter, leans against the wall which was just painted. He does not lose his amateur status when he says, "Pardon me, do you have something to take this off?" 4) The Super-Quick Paint Remover: Now, this fellow is a fast bird. He doesn't bother to stop to watch us put paint on the walls but, while trying to avoid us, he rubs against a newly painted section. I've even seen some who were adept enough to accidentally kick the paint pot and try to spread the paint all over the floor, too.

To the former, our painters usually remark, "We spend all day putting it on and you come along and take it off!"

5) The Gourmet: This fellow isn't an Amateur but he isn't a Technical Advisor either. His vocabulary spans from, "Hm! I don't like that," when he doesn't like our job, "Hm! I like that," when he likes our efforts.

6) The Apprentice: This one wants to know how to do certain things at home. He seems like a nice guy but watch him, he might want to borrow some equipment for the job too.

These are only a few I have been able to spot since I've started to work here. I'm sure that you might have seen some other types here and there in the various campuses. I'd like to hear from you regarding some other names that might be floating around.....printable

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Body fat is simply stored up energy which can be burned up by a planned program of physical exercises. However the exercise must be supplemented with a program of controlled food intake so that we do not continue to take in additional fuel while we are burning up the excess (fat!).

Most people who do not have a medical reason for being over-weight must consider their excess poundage as a result of improper balance between input and output. This indicates that today's overweight problems are mainly the result of too great an input, or specifically a diet high in carbohydrates. The body will use these sources of fuel (energy) before drawing on its fat reserves. This means that we must exert a little self-control and watch our daily carbohydrate intake - i.e. sugars, desserts, beer, starches such as bread, wheat products, potatoes, etc. It is the over-abundance of these foods which are high in carbohydrates that cause the excess pounds.

Protect your Heart

The U.S. National Research Council recommends 2000 calories a day for an average young woman, and 2800 for an average young man. About 30% of daily intake of calories should be derived from fats, with unsaturated fats predominating in a ratio of 2:1.

If you wish to reduce, a useful rule of thumb to follow is that 3500 calories are equivalent to approximately one pound of body weight. Therefore, if you wish to lose two pounds a week, you must cut 7000 calories.

Energy Expenditure

There is only one way to lose weight and that is to take in fewer calories than you expend. Any other weight loss is an illusion. The energy expenditure per hour for a man of 155 lbs. will be approximately:

sitting at rest...100 cal.
light exercise...170 cal.
active exercise...290 cal.
slow jogging (5 mph)...650 cal.
walking up stairs...1100 cal.



Pictured above is the victorious George Brown College Volleyball team who just completed another successful weekend of volleyball. They played all day Saturday and ended the tournament undefeated with 12 well-earned wins. The following are the standings from the one-day tournament:

George Brown	W	L	Points for	against
			240	43
Cambrian	8	4	150	99
Niagara	4	8	112	120
Sheridan	0	12	0	240

With these results added to their past victories the George Brown players are now Division "A" Champions. They will represent the east in the Ontario Championships. Sites and times of these playoffs will be published at a later date for interested spectators. Congratulations to the fine efforts of these men and good luck in the Ontario's!

Basketball

On January 12 the George Brown basketball team played the OCAA third place team, Conestoga College, and were edged out after playing an excellent game. They lost the lead in the last few seconds of the game as Conestoga moved ahead to a 71-66 victory.

Monday, January 17 saw the Huskies lose only their third game this season. This was to the Georgian College team by a score of 66-56. The team has won 5 of 8 of their games this year and as they improve with practice they should end the season with a very respectable record. Most of the team members will be returning next year so it looks as though basketball is on the upswing for George Brown.

The next Varsity Basketball game will be at the Kensington Gym (21 Nassau Street) at 7 p.m. as the HUSKIES host the ONTARIO BIBLE COLLEGE, Wednesday, January 26th.

Ice Hockey

Jan. 15: CBC Huskies were edged out of a victory by Mumber College 5-3.

Jan. 17: The Huskies travelled to Barrie to play Georgian College. The Huskies played one of their best games this season. The score at the end of the second period was tied 4-4. At the 8:57 mark of the third period Georgian pulled ahead in the scoring. At 12:48 George Brown scored and looked the match again at 5-5. With only four minutes left in the game Georgian showed their teeth and scored two quick goals, followed by a third late in the game and left the tired Huskies with the tail-end of the 8-5 score.

Watch this column for future game times.

There is ARCHERY every Thursday night with free instruction and equipment supplied from 7 to 9 p.m. Kensington Gym (21 Nassau St.)

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